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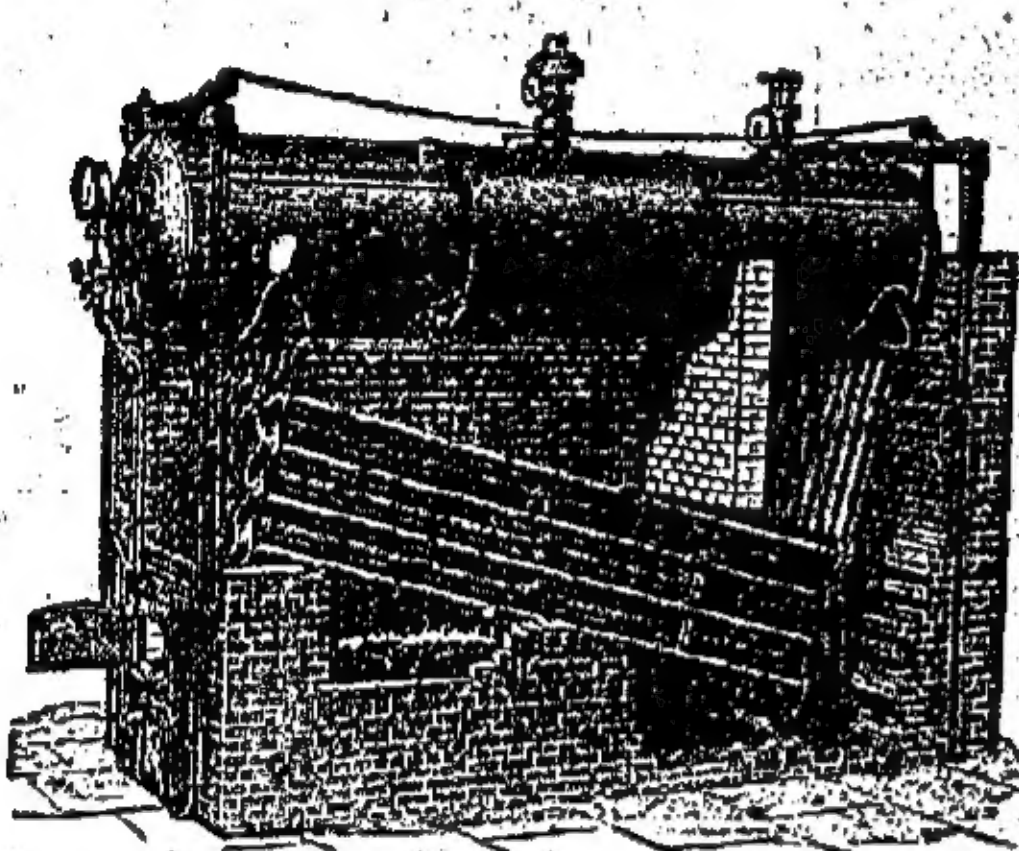
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Engineers and General Merchants.

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Etc.
An exceptionally fine stock of the latest
Goods always on hand.
Patrons very moderate.
A trial is respectfully solicited.
30, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
(Formerly occupied by the Hongkong Club),
Hongkong, January 1, 1900.

**THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND
STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ninth
Ordinary Annual Meeting of the
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the General Managers, No. 5,
Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the
15th January, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the
AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Managers
together with a Statement of Accounts to
the 31st December, 1899.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 7th to 14th
January, 1900, both days inclusive.

MEYER & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 30, 1899. 2813

EUROPEAN CLERK WANTED.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF
AND GUNPOWDER CO. require the services
of a EUROPEAN CLERK, Age about 40.
Married man preferred. Liberal salary to
an experienced man. Apply by letter to—
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 9, 1900. 72

**IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG LOAN
OF 1894.**

PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND PART
PRINCIPAL
(NINTH PERIOD).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Wan-
tants for Interest on, and Re-
payment of Part Principal of the Bonds
of the IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG
LOAN OF 1894 will be ready for issue
on the 10th January, 1900, at the Office of
the Imperial Maritime Customs, Canton.
J. F. SCHONICKER,
Commissioner of Customs.

Canton House,
Canton, 8th January, 1900. 62

WANTED.

FOR 6 Months, HOUSE of 5 or 6
ROOMS, or 3 or 4 or FLAT UN-
FURNISHED. Central Position.
Apply to 'M.'
Care of 'China Mail' Office.

Hongkong, January 8, 1900. 65

'AMBERITE' CARTRIDGES.

PATENT SMOKELESS SPORTING
GUNPOWDER.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, October 31, 1899. 2393

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.
WE have this day Appointed Messrs.
T. RAUCHENSTEIN & Co. to be
AGENTS for the above GODOWNS.
All applications for Storage of Goods should be made to us.
T. RAUCHENSTEIN & Co.,
12, Beaconsfield Arcade.
Hongkong, January 4, 1900. 87

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

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TANG LAP TING,
MOK KUN HUI,
MOK YUE LIM.

Hongkong, January 4, 1900. 88

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SEASON!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

WILL SELL

ROUSSILLON CHAMPAGNE

TILL 15th JANUARY NEXT, at \$25.00 per Doz. Quarts, and \$13.50 per Doz. Pints;
TO CLOSE CONSIGNMENTS.

This WINE is of first-rate quality and has been approved by Connoisseurs all
over the World.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Violins	Guitars	Cornets
Cellos	Banjos	Trombones
Mandolines	Guitarras	Euphoniums
Mandolas	Zithers	Clarinets, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES
SOCIETY.

MR. W. V. DRUMMOND has kindly
consented to deliver a LECTURE on
'NATIONAL TROUBLE' in the St.
Andrew's Hall, City Hall, on MON-
DAY, the 13th January, 1900, at 8.15 p.m.
Indica and Members of the General
Public are invited.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 12, 1900. 86

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the
TWELFTH ORDINARY MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Office,
Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the
24th January, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ending 31st December,
1899.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from MON-
DAY, the 15th January, to WEDNESDAY,
the 24th January, (both days inclusive)
during which period no TRANSFER of
SHARES can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHEPSON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1900. 24

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

Winter 1900.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW STOCK

OF

BLANKETS and

EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

In All Sizes

DOWN CUSHIONS

and SOFA PILLOWS

In Great Variety.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1900. 80

DRINK TANSAN.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR FUND.

THE Undersigned guarantees to PAY
the above FUND ONE CENT for
every Bottle of TANSAN that is Purchased
up to the time when the Fund is CLOSED.

J. CLIFORD WILKINSON,
Sole Proprietor.

AGENTS: CARMICHAEL & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 12, 1900. 89

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING COM-
PANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the
ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Office,
Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the
24th January, 1900, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.
for the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st December,
1899.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY,
the 15th January, to WEDNESDAY, the
24th January, (both days inclusive), during
which period NO TRANSFER of
SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHEPSON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Secretary to the Hongkong Land Invest-
ment and Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for
The West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 2, 1900. 20

'KIRIN.'

A Delicate

Lager.

THE CELEBRATED BEER OF

JAPAN.

QUARTS, \$2.50 per dozen.

PINTS, \$1.75 do

W. HUTTON POTTS

Sole Agent for Hongkong.

Business Notices.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, Ltd.

HONGKONG HOTEL—PRAYA



BELL'S ASBESTOS PACKINGS

ARE THE BEST.

BELL'S BOILER COMPOSITION

IS THE BEST.

BELL'S ENGINE OIL

IS THE BEST AND CHEAPEST IN THE MARKET.

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NAVAGERS.

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NEW GOODS JUST RECEIVED.

OUTFITTING DEPT. STRAW HATS, TENNIS SHOES, UMBRELLAS, The 'York'—our Specialty RAIN COATS, for Tropical Wear. BOOTS and SHOES, Gents' NECKTIES in Latest Styles and Designs. Pyjama Suits for WINTER WEAR. COLLARS, SHIRTS, Etc., Etc.	GAMES DEPT. GOLF CLUBS, GOLF BALLS, CADDIE BAGS, &c., &c. CRICKET BATS, CRICKET BALLS, CRICKET LEATHER GUARDS, &c., &c. FOOTBALLS, SHIN GUARDS, &c., &c. TENNIS BATS, TENNIS NETS, and SPORTING GOODS of all kinds.	PROVISION DEPT. FIGS in BOXES, OLIVAS PLUMS, PRIME SWEET CHERRIES in JARS, CHOCOLATES in Fancy Boxes, Suitable for Presents. Marques d'1 Merino's SHERWEEES. RED SEAL PORT. SAUMUR. ROUSSILLON CHAM- PAGE.
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THE PHARMACY,

10 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

ENGLISH and FOREIGN PATENT MEDICINES. Prescriptions carefully
dispensed by a qualified CHEMIST. Special attention to FRENCH and Other
FOREIGN FORMULAE.

SOMERVILLE'S 'EXPORT' and 'GLENDOUR' WHISKIES.
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MANILA CIGARS.

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BELL BRAND
PAINTS
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WHITE LEAD,
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AND
PALE BOILED
LINSEED OIL.

It is impossible to procure in Hongkong A WHITE ZINC PAINT
which is Superior to

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SPECIAL GENUINE GROUND WHITE ZINC.
(All Kinds of a Green St. Andrew's Cross.)

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AND
CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is Situated at Victoria Gap, adjoining the TRAMWAY
STATION, 1350 feet above Sea Level.

CRAIGIEBURN is Situated at Plover's Gap, five minutes' walk from the
PEAK HOTEL.

Fine Healthy Location—Variety of Beautiful Scenery, Cool Southerly Breeze
in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East Winds in Winter.
Well appointed Rooms, attentive Service, and excellent Cuisine.

Only 7.7. DUNDRELL STREET. A. Moir, Manager.

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SPECIAL LIQUEUR 10 YEARS OLD
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SPECIAL CREAM

BREADAGHANE HIGHLAND WHISKY

These are the finest productions of Scotland,
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THE CREME DE LA CREME OF
WHISKIES
PURE AND MILD.

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THE NATIONAL TENSION

that the

Relief of Ladysmith

will remove, is nothing to the relief you will experience
by taking

**BALSAMIC
COUGH LINCTUS.**

SOLE PROPRIETORS:

Watkins, Limited,

66, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Portland Cement.

\$5.00 per Cask of 375 lb. net ex Godown.

Factories—HONGKONG AND MACAO.

Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes and Fittings, Glazed
Paving Bricks and Tiles, Fire Bricks and Fire Clay.

FIRE CLAY WORKS.—DEEP WATER BAY, HONGKONG.

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Shewan, Tomes & Co.,

GENERAL AGENTS.

Robinson Piano Co.

IMPROVEMENTS IN PIANOS—SAMPLES JUST ARRIVED.

BRINSMEAD'S NEW PATENT SOUNDBOARD.

CHAPPELL'S NEW VERTICAL MODEL.

BECHSTEIN'S NEW SEMI-OBLIQUE

ROBINSON PIANO Co.

W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF
BLANKETS, EIDER-DOWN QUILTS,
TRAVELLING RUGS, &c.
Also,
HEATING STOVES, COOKING RANGES & UTENSILS.

W. POWELL & Co.,
Immediately Opposite Post Office, 1st Floor.

Bottled Stouts.

IND COOPER'S, per Cask of 8 Dozen Flints ... \$15.00

GUINNESS' (ROBE'S HEAD) do ... 22.00

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H. PRICE & Co.,

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FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS ON FIRST FLOOR, OLD BUILDING.

EVERY COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE PROVIDED FOR GUESTS.

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CHAMPAGNES, SHERRIES, BRANDIES, WHISKIES,
PORTS, CLARETS, GINS, COGNAC,
BURGUNDIES, LIQUEURS, ALES,
MOSELES, STOUTS, CIDER, &c.
AUSTRALIAN AND CALIFORNIA WINES.
CALBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
Wine & Spirit Merchants.

COTTAM & Co.,

THE LATEST STYLES IN HANDKERCHIEF, SCARVES,
ALSO

DOUBLE COLLARS, DRESS SHIRTS,
GLOVES AND SHOES.

MANILA CIGARS,

ALWAYS ON HAND THE BEST MARKS FROM
'LA INSULAR' AND 'LA PERLA DE ORIENTE' FACTORIES.

J. M. DE ZUNIGA,
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VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

DAWKIN'S ANKLED AND LICOKE COUGH BALM
For the Relief of all CATARRHAL COMPLAINTS, such as COUGHS, COLDS,
HOARSENESS, and SORENESS OF THE THROAT.
Price 10 Cents and 25.

* CHUCKERBANE'S COUGH BALM
For Croup, Cough, Hoarseness, Laryngitis, Asthma, Whooping Cough,
Bronchitis and all Diseases of the Chest and Lungs.
Price 11 and 25.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LTD.

The third ordinary annual meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Ltd. was held to-day at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs Shaw, Tones & Co.) Mr. R. G. Shaw presided.

The other gentlemen present were: Messrs J. S. van Duren, Chow Hing Kii, Chow Tung Shang (Consulting Committee), C. E. Evans, A. G. Morris, F. J. V. Jorgie, E. S. Kelly, H. W. Dunn, T. H. Reid, A. Babinington, A. Raminjohn, F. M. Gutierrez, Tang Wa Chuen and Cheung King Yung.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, as you are already familiar with the Report and Accounts we will take them as read. The Accounts were very simple that there is nothing in them that requires explanation except perhaps the small item of furniture which has risen from \$31 last year to \$1,000 this year. It represents merely a new safe which cost \$1,000 and the necessity for which was a business like ours is obvious.

We have gone carefully over all our books on mortgages and are quite satisfied with them all. The general rise in value of Real Estate which has taken place during the year has caused a corresponding rise in the value of the mortgages which we have issued. As regards the results of the year's working I am sure you will all agree with me that it has been a very successful one. We have been very successful in our work, and we have been very successful in our work, and we have been very successful in our work.

That, whatever may be said about any shortcomings apparent or of mistakes made in the South African War, it must be borne in mind the Boers have not succeeded in driving our troops into the sea, as was so confidently said to be done.

That, now the British people are thoroughly aroused, it is a grand spectacle to see volunteers coming forward from all parts of the world, in order to see the Empire safely through this prolonged struggle for mastery.

That, as history has never yet known an Empire with dependencies and Colonies so widely scattered over the face of the earth, so the world has never seen a drama like that now being enacted.

That, the strength of the genuine feeling now imported into the old hymn "God Save the Queen," Send her victorious, happy and glorious, can hardly be sufficiently estimated by any other than a Britisher.

That while all Britishers pray for the safety of the Ladysmith garrison, they will also look forward with great interest to the possible turn in affairs consequent upon the arrival of reinforcements and of Lord Roberts and Kitchener.

That, in face of what is now known about the Boer preparations, their intentions and plans, and their discreditable loss on the field, but few level-headed men of any nation can hesitate to admit the justice and the absolute necessity of this war.

That a correspondent calls my attention to the curious fact that our gallant army is now fighting the Boers in order to secure the right of popular representation to British subjects in the Transvaal—a right which is almost entirely denied to British subjects in this Colony.

That it must be borne in mind there is a great difference between the two cases. That in South Africa the fight is now going on to a finish for the supremacy of power in that country, apart entirely from the rights of the Uitlanders there.

That, in addition to this consideration, we are to point to the conclusion that the arguments to the effect that public rights and municipal powers are altogether unsuited to the circumstances of a small Colony.

That, although the existence of difficulties may not be as much as admitted regarding the usual working of municipal authority, what will be flying in the face of experience to lay down the dictum that such difficulties are insurmountable.

That, at the same time, recent local events are a point to the conclusion that the relaxation of the idea of many Hongkong residents, touching the extension of popular representation in this Colony, has been indefinitely postponed.

That, the regard for the Colonial Office, while stirring the desire for more "say" in our own affairs, is fast producing a feeling of indifference amongst the residents of the Colony.

That, the persistence with which the South African War has continued to increase national consciousness and satisfaction.

That, the Grand Entertainment given in the City Hall, and afterwards repeated, was, as you say, one of the most excellent things of the kind given in Hongkong.

That, one and all the performers did admirably, and with the few defects of enthusiasm and thrilling chorus of the "Soldiers of the Queen" dies out of the memory of those who listened to or took part in it.

That, I understand two thousand dollars have been added to the Fund by the performance, and all concerned deserve the heartiest congratulations over the result.

That it will be remembered one of the recommendations of the Navy League here and elsewhere was the establishment of training ships for boys.

THE KOWLOON SCHOOL.

AN EARLY START TO BE MADE.

We are informed that the Government has asked Mr. Ho Tung to place the construction of the Kowloon School, gifted by him to the Colony, in the hands of private architects. We presume this step has been taken on account of the pressure of work on the Public Works Department, and it doubtless indicates a desire on the part of the Government to have the school proceeded with without unnecessary delay.

We believe Messrs Palmer and Turner have been entrusted with the work, and that an early start will be made. The site previously granted by the Government is what is known as Observatory Hill, near Chater's Bungalow, and facing Robinson Road. This is the most central and undoubtedly the best and healthiest site that could have been selected.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

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CRICKET.

THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB TRIED CONCLUSIONS.

The Hongkong Cricket Club tried conclusions this afternoon with an eleven of the Garrison. Tiedly, for the Garrison, bowled splendidly, having 7 wickets for 33 runs. The following were the scores:—

THE CLUB.
Lieut. Strong, R.M.L.I., b. Preedy, 30
E. C. Smith, R.N., c. Thomson, c. Vallings, 30
K. W. Murray, b. Preedy, 30
E. W. Matheson, (captain), c. Vallings, 23
H. R. Hancock, b. Langhorne, 0
Dr. J. A. L. L. L., c. Lewis, b. Preedy, 30
J. J. Lee, b. Preedy, 30
G. W. Hay, b. Preedy, 0
H. Arthur, not out, 0
J. J. Wild, b. Preedy, 0
Extras, 9
Total, 120

THE GARRISON.
Captain Langhorne, R.A., c. Strong, b. Lee, 44
Lieut. Ball-Aston, R.W.F., run out, 11
Lieut. H. R. Hancock, R.A., b. Strong, 11
Lieut. H. R. Hancock, R.A., b. Strong, 11
Rev. G. R. Vallings, c. L. L., b. Lee, 4
Lieut. H. R. Hancock, R.A., b. Lee, 4
Captain W. W. Hay, R.A., c. Arthur, 5
H. Hancock, 5
Private Preedy, b. Hancock, 8
Lieut. H. R. Hancock, R.A., c. Murray, 7
Lieut. H. R. Hancock, R.A., c. Murray, 7
Extras, 7
Total, 116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
THE CLUB.
Vallings, 12 1 43 1
Preedy, 18 4 38 7
Langhorne, 8 3 16 1
Langhorne, 7 2 14 1
THE GARRISON.
Lowndes, 18 10 31 1
Strong, 10 3 27 1
Hancock, 19 4 10 22 5
Lee, 19 3 29 3

Exchange.
Hongkong, January 13, 1900.
On London, 100 lbs. per ton, 1/11 1/2
On Calcutta, 100 lbs. per ton, 1/11 1/2
On Bombay, 100 lbs. per ton, 1/11 1/2
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THE WAR.

THE SORTIES FROM LADYSMITH.

London, Dec. 11.—Two parties have been made by the Ladysmith garrison with the object of harassing the Boers in their bombardment of the town.

Last Thursday Sir Archibald Hunter, who left India as chief of the staff to Sir Redvers Bullen, left a night attack on the Boer positions on Lombard's Kop, which is about four miles north-east of the town.

The forces engaged were 500 Natal volunteers, and 100 men of the Imperial Light Horse Regiment, the corps raised by Colonel W. H. Murray and Major "Karr" Davies.

Moving out from Ladysmith, under cover of darkness, the Boer positions were reached without the advance of Sir Archibald Hunter's forces having been noticed.

The British had got half-way up the hill before the Boers became aware that the enemy was near at hand.

A halt was made to fix bayonets, and the hill became so steep that to reach the top the men were obliged to climb like lizards.

The Boers opened a heavy fusillade from the summit, but the British advance was not checked for a moment.

At last, with a ringing cheer, the men reached the summit of the hill, and then the Boers opened a heavy fusillade from the summit, but the British advance was not checked for a moment.

A Maxim was captured, whilst a tin gun and a howitzer were destroyed with gun cotton.

The British casualties were only four killed and 17 wounded, and the Boers lost 100 men.

On the same evening the 16th (Princess of Wales' Own) Hussars, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. H. Wolseley-Jenkins, moved north of Ladysmith, in the direction of Poppleworth Hill, a number of Boer batteries were cut, the Hussars then returning to camp.

Pigeon-post communication has been established between Ladysmith and the headquarters of Sir Redvers Bullen.

The Boers have used this means of communication to inform Sir Bullen of the position of their forces, and to Sir Bullen's complete plans of the Boer positions surrounding the town.

On Friday last another sortie was made from Ladysmith, the forces being constantly kept on the alert.

The Boers had mounted a big gun ("Long Tom") on Bulwer Hill, about three miles from the town, and the object of the sortie was, if possible, to destroy the gun.

The troops did not, however, see and in consequence this purpose was not attained.

The British force, in retiring to camp, found the way blocked by a large force of Boers who had been aroused from slumber in adjoining laagers and hurried to the scene.

The Boers opened a heavy fusillade, gave orders that his men should fix bayonets and make a bold dash into the ranks of the foe. This was done, with the result that considerable losses were inflicted upon the Boers.

The Boer officers have paid a heavy tribute to the gallantry of Sir Archibald Hunter for the feat which was performed at Lombard's Kop on Thursday night.

General Sir G. S. White, addressing the Natal Volunteers subsequently, said that the daring feat was a credit to them as colonials and also to the Empire.

London, Dec. 13.—General White has reported that on Sunday night 100 men belonging to the 2nd Battalion (Prince Consort's Own) Rifle Brigade, under Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Hopwood, Evelyn, were sent to the Ladysmith garrison to surprise a Boer camp which was situated on a steep hill a few miles from the town.

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that the HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS will parade from 2 1/2 P.M. and Machine Guns from the Road below North Point Battery, in a Northernly direction, over a Sea Range, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, the 15th January, 1900.

All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the Range.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 11th January, 1900.

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1 CHAIR,
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On View from Thursday, the 18th Jan. Catalogues will be issued.

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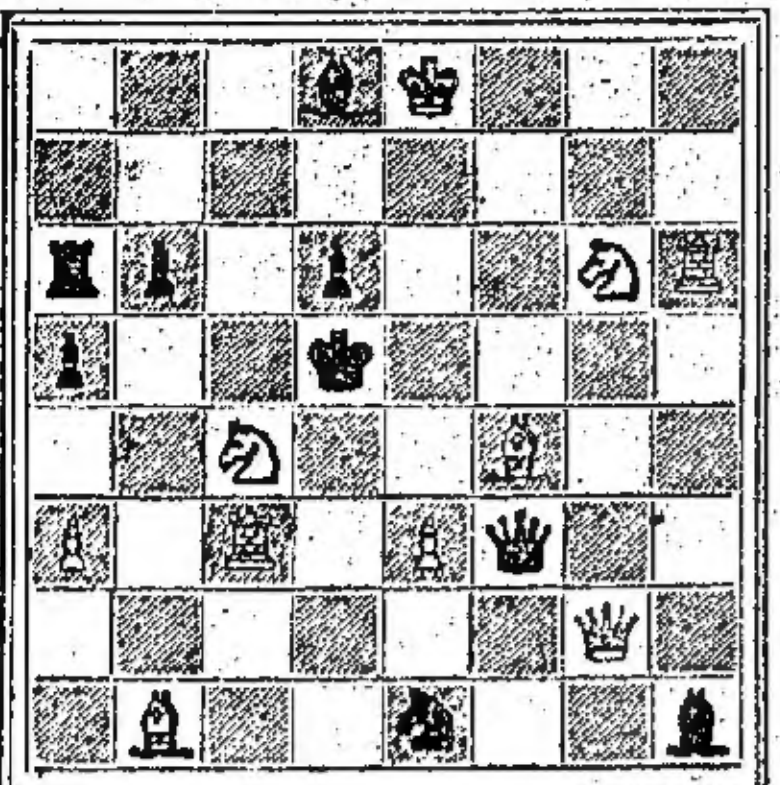
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CHESS COLUMN.
CONDUCTED BY "BLACK BISHOP."

Communications should be addressed to "CHINA MAIL OFFICE." Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis. The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from four till half-past seven p.m., at the Public Library, 18, Bank Buildings.

Problem No. 109.
Black (3 pieces).



White (10 pieces).
Solution to Problem No. 107 by H. Chaswick.

1 Q-Q3 Thonit K-K1 2 P-Q5
1 K-R(B)4 2 Q-Q R2
1 K-R(K)4 2 Q-KK1

Hongkong, January 12.
In the Third Round for the General's Cup, Pollock beat Dastur, Barlow and Burrell won a game each and de Souza had a bye. The next round, therefore, will be between Pollock and de Souza with the addition of either Barlow or Burrell. Burrell is well for the play of Sergeant Burrell that he should reach the semi-final, being still a Second-Class player, but I expect the Cup will go to one of the champions.

On the one hand, I am told that the rules for the Third Round are drafted, and that 2000 is already subscribed, and some very valuable works of art presented, as prizes, and on the other hand Mr. Tipple in the Times thinks the whole affair is to collapse. Similarly contradictory reports are also received from the negotiations for a match between Janowski and Lasker. I shall believe in both events when I see them. For the present, I think one will come off and the other not.

Italy among the nations, the country of Silvio and Greco, of Del Rio and Pulido is strangely decadent in chess. A National Tournament was to have been held in Rome in October, and has had to be postponed till the spring, as the prize-list failed to tempt more than one contestant from behind the city walls. The only place in Italian dominions where chess enthusiasm exists at all is Sicily, which has a monthly chess paper, the *Eco degli Scacchi*.

It is reported that the City Club and the Metropolitan Club of New York have both ceased to exist. There still remains the Manhattan Club, which could ill be dispensed with, as it is the home of men like Hodges, Delmar and Lipschitz. At home, the *Leisure Hour* must be added to the list of Monthly Magazines that now give a chess column. It offers, I believe, peculiar substantial prizes in connection therewith.

Filibuster is learning diamonds! Like Alexander he seems thirsting for new worlds to conquer. Not content with defeating the strongest opponents in blindfold and simultaneous play on the chess board, he beats New York's experts in draughts and whist without sight of pieces or cards, and exhibits the mnemonic feat of memorising thirty words selected at random and called for in any order. Blindfold simultaneous draught play will be something of a novelty.

Game No. 268.
White (Scholarship). Black (Gossip).
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
3 P-Q4 P-Q4
4 Q-B4 Q-B4
5 B-Kt5 K-Kt5
6 P-Kt6 K-Kt6
7 Castles B-Q2
8 P-Q3 Kt-Kt3
9 Kt-Kt2 Kt-Kt2
10 B-B4 Q-Q4
11 Q-K3 P-B4
12 B-B7ch K-K2
13 Kt-B4 (d) Q-K3
14 B-Kt5 K-B3
15 Kt-Q mate.
(a) A defence introduced by Steinits. Technigian's reply here makes it of doubtful value.
(b) Casting Q-R would be dangerous, because of Q-B4, followed by P-Kt5.
(c) Unfavourable. He ought to have played P-B4, but even then his position would be much cramped.
(d) Either winning the Q, or mating in two.

Game No. 269.
The following is a remarkably pretty sketch, which occurred in Adelaide in 1893, the opening being Charles' Counter Gambit:-

White (Mr. Apperley). Black (Mr. Charlton).
1 P-Q4 P-K4
2 P-B4 P-Q3
3 B-B4 Kt-KB3
4 B-B4 Kt-KB3
5 B-B4 Kt-KB3
6 P-QB3 B-K4
7 P-B4 Castles Q-R
8 Kt-Kt3 Kt-Kt3
9 P-Kt3 Kt-Kt3
10 Kt-Kt3 Kt-Kt3
11 Q-Kt4 Kt-Kt3
12 Kt-QK3 Kt-Kt3
13 Kt-Kt4 Q-Kt6
14 P-Q4

And Black mates in two moves.
What a golden field! explained the rural editor, "A golden field and eight girls were found on the fairgrounds last night." Is this a mysterious tragedy? No, sir, responded the item-writer, they belonged to a red jared one of the girls rated at the prize ball!

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TO FACILITATE THE POSITION OF ANY VESSEL IN THE HARBOUR, THE ANCHORAGE IS DIVIDED INTO ELEVEN SECTIONS, COMMENCING FROM GREEN ISLAND. VESSELS NEAR THE HONGKONG SHORE ARE MARKED A, NEAR THE KOWLOON SHORE B, AND THOSE IN THE BODY OF THE SHIPPING OR MIDWAY BETWEEN EACH SHORE ARE MARKED C, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIGURES DENOTING THE SECTIONS.

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1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the Market.
5. From the Market to Pedlar's Wharf.
6. From Pedlar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From East Point to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

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